

## Weekly One Liners 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2020

### 8 Indian beaches recommended for 'Blue Flag' eco-label

In a first-of-its-kind initiative, **eight beaches of India** have been recommended for the **Blue flag certification**. The selection of the beaches was made by an independent national jury composed of eminent environmentalists and scientists. This announcement was made by the Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Prakash Javadekar on 18 September during a virtual event.

#### What is Blue Flag certification?

- The Blue Flag certificate is an internationally recognized eco-label given by **'Foundation for Environment Education, Denmark'**.
- Blue Flag beaches are considered the benchmark for clean and hygienic beaches in the world.

#### The eight beaches selected for Blue flag certification are

1. Shivrajpur in Gujarat
2. Ghoghla in Daman & Diu
3. Kasarkod in Karnataka
4. Padubidri beach in Karnataka
5. Kappad in Kerala
6. Rushikonda in Andhra Pradesh
7. The golden beach of Odisha
8. Radhanagar beach in Andaman and Nicobar

During the event, Union Minister Javadekar also announced the launch of India's own eco-label **'Beach Environment and Aesthetics Management Services' (BEAMS)**.

#### About BEAMS:

This initiative has been launched under its **Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)** project. The project will be implemented by the Society of Integrated Coastal Management (SICOM), under MoEFCC BEAMS program aims to mitigate pollution in coastal waters, promote sustainable development of beach facilities, maintain high standards of cleanliness, hygiene & safety for beachgoers in accordance with coastal environment & regulations.

### RBI publishes "'Technology Vision for Cyber Security' for UCBs

The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** will implement the **"Technology Vision for Cyber Security' for Urban Co-operative Banks (2020-2023)** to enhance the IT security system of Urban Co-operative banking to prevent, detect, respond to and recover from cyber-attacks.

The Technology Vision Document aims at enhancing the cybersecurity posture of the Urban Co-operative banking sector against evolving IT and cyber threat environment. RBI will achieve this objective using its five-pillared strategic approach **'GUARD'**. GUARD denotes:

- G** – Governance Oversight,
- U** – Utile Technology Investment,
- A** – Appropriate Regulation and Supervision,
- R** – Robust Collaboration
- D** – Developing necessary IT, cybersecurity skills set.

To accomplish the five pillared approach, RBI has established 12 specific action points spires to:

- Involve more Board Oversight over Cybersecurity.
- Enable UCBs to better manage and secure their IT Assets.
- Implement an offsite supervisory mechanism framework for UCBs on cybersecurity-related controls.
- Develop a forum for UCBs so that they can share best practices and discuss practical issues and challenges.
- Implement a framework for providing awareness/ training for all UCBs.

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The cybersecurity landscape will continue to evolve with the wider adoption of digital banking channels, thus necessitating the UCBs to manage the associated risks effectively. Active collaboration within UCBs and their stakeholders would be necessary for sharing and coordinating various measures taken on cybersecurity aspects. The implementation of this Technology Vision document will strengthen the cyber resilience of the Urban Co-operative Banks.

### PM Modi awarded Ig Nobel Prize 2020 for medical Education

Prime Minister of India, **Narendra Modi** has been awarded the **Ig Nobel Prize 2020** for **Medical Education**. He has been awarded the prestigious award for “using the **COVID-19** pandemic to teach the world that politicians can have a more immediate effect on life and death than scientists and doctors can”.

PM Modi is the second Indian Prime Minister to be honoured with the Ig Nobel Prize. Prior to this, **Atal Bihari Vajpayee** was awarded in **1998**. He jointly won the Ig Nobel Peace Prize with Prime Minister **Nawaz Sharif** of Pakistan for aggressively peaceful explosions of atomic bombs.

PM Modi shares the award with **Jair Bolsonaro** of **Brazil**, **Boris Johnson** of the United Kingdom, **Andrés Manuel López Obrador** of Mexico, **Alexander Lukashenko** of Belarus, **Donald Trump** of the USA, **Recep Tayyip Erdogan** of Turkey, **Vladimir Putin** of Russia, and **Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow** of Turkmenistan. Apart from this, the governments of **India and Pakistan** jointly won the **Ig Nobel Peace Prize 2020** for having their diplomats surreptitiously ring each other’s doorbells in the middle of the night, and then run away before anyone had a chance to answer the door in Islamabad and New Delhi city respectively.

### 72nd Emmy award 2020 announced

The 72nd Emmy Awards 2020 marks the beginning of Hollywood’s first major show in the times of COVID-19. The ceremony was hosted by **Jimmy Kimmel** at an empty theatre in Los Angeles with cutouts of the nominees placed in the audience.

#### Here’s the winners’ list of the Emmy Awards 2020:

- Drama Series: Succession
- Supporting Actress in a Drama Series: Julia Garner, Ozark

- Supporting Actor in a Drama Series: Billy Crudup, The Morning Show
- Outstanding Directing for a Drama Series: Succession
- Outstanding Writing for a Drama Series: Succession
- Lead Actress in a Drama Series: Zendaya, Euphoria
- Lead Actor in a Drama Series: Jeremy Strong, Succession
- Limited Series: Watchmen
- Supporting Actress in a Limited Series or Movie: Uzo Aduba, Mrs America
- Supporting Actor in a Limited Series or Movie: Yahya Abdul-Mateen II, Watchmen
- Outstanding Directing for a Limited Series, Movie or Dramatic Special: Unorthodox
- Outstanding Writing for a Limited Series: Watchmen
- Lead Actor in a Limited Series or Movie: Mark Ruffalo, I Know This Much Is True
- Lead Actress in a Limited Series or Movie: Regina King, Watchmen
- Comedy Series: Schitt’s Creek
- Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series: Annie Murphy, Schitt’s Creek
- Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series: Daniel Levy, Schitt’s Creek
- Outstanding Directing for a Comedy Series: Schitt’s Creek
- Outstanding Writing for a Comedy Series: Schitt’s Creek
- Lead Actor in a Comedy Series: Eugene Levy, Schitt’s Creek
- Lead Actress in a Comedy Series: Catherine O’Hara, Schitt’s Creek
- Competition Program: RuPaul’s Drag Race
- Variety Talk Series: Last Week Tonight with John Oliver
- Outstanding Television Movie: Bad Education

#### About Emmy Award

An Emmy Award, or simply Emmy, is an American award that recognizes excellence in the television industry. It is presented at numerous annual events held throughout the calendar year, each honouring one of the various sectors of the television industry.

### India ranked 116th in the World Bank’s Human Capital Index

**World Bank** released the report titled “**The Human Capital Index 2020 Update: Human Capital in the Time of COVID-19**”. The Human Capital Index (HCI) 2020

is a collaboration between the **Human Development Practice Group** and the Development Economics Group of the World Bank. India has been ranked at the **116th position** among 174 countries in the Human Capital Index 2020.

**Top 3 Human Capital Index 2020:**

Rank	Country	Score
116	India	0.49
1	Singapore 0.88	0.88
2	Hongkong and China	0.81
3	Japan	0.80

**About Human Capital Index 2020:**

The 2020 Human Capital Index update includes health and education data for 174 countries covering 98% of the world's population up to March 2020. It provided a pre-pandemic baseline on the health and education of children. Measuring the human capital that a child born today can expect to attain by her 18th birthday, the HCI highlights how current health and education outcomes shape the productivity of the next generation of workers.

**PM Modi in Time Magazine's '100 most influential people of 2020' list**

Time Magazine has released the **TIME 100 Most Influential People List 2020**. Prime Minister of India, **Shri Narendra Modi** is the only politician on the list. He has been named in this for the fourth time since coming in power in 2014. The List has named people in five categories: **Pioneers, Artists, Leaders, Titans, Icons**.

**The following Indians have also been named in this list:**

- Professor Ravindra Gupta (Pioneer), is a Professor of Clinical Microbiology and has worked for the cure of HIV.
- Ayushmann Khurrana (Artists).
- Bilkis (Icons), the 'Dadi from Shaheen Bagh'.

**President inaugurates Visitor's Conference on Implementation of NEP 2020**

The **President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind** virtually inaugurated the Visitor's conference on Implementation of **National Education Policy 2020** in **Higher Education**. During the session, President stated that the National Education Policy aims to reorient the education system towards meeting the needs of the 21st century by achieving the twin objectives of inclusion and excellence. It also sets the vision of developing an equitable and vibrant knowledge society by providing quality education to all.

During the conference, various sessions on Multidiscipline and Holistic Education, Research & Innovation in Higher Education, Digital Transformation in Higher Education, Internationalisation and Global Rankings, Equity, Inclusion and Capacity Building for Outreach and Excellence were organized to take New Education Policy forward.

**National Affairs**

- **Indian Railways** is observing "**Swachhta Pakhwara**" from **16th to 30th September 2020**. During the inaugural day of Pakhwara, Swachhta pledge was administered to Railway employees at all Zonal Railway HQs, Divisional Offices and other establishments. **Railway Board** through Northern Railway, in partnership with United Nations Environment Programme (**UNEP**), organised a webinar on "**Swachhata and Environment**".
- **Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare** chaired '**Aarogya Manthan**' 2.0 celebrating the **2nd Anniversary** of Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (**AB-PMJAY**).
- The **Department of Biotechnology** has launched the programme for "**Strengthening Clinical Trial Research Capacity in Neighbouring Countries**". The programme will help **neighbouring countries**, and **LMICs** (Low and Middle Income Countries) to build capacities for Covid-19 vaccine trials.

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has launched the 'Fit India Age Appropriate Fitness Protocols' at **Fit India Dialogue**. These fitness protocols have been prepared with the help of fitness enthusiasts for fitness and good health.
- A National **webinar** on "Curriculum Reforms & National Curriculum Framework (NCF) and Pedagogy" was organized under **Shikshak Parv** initiative. The webinar was organized to highlight the salient features of the New Education Policy (**NEP 2020**).
- A **webinar** was held between with **India** and **Israel**, under the aegis of **Department of Defence Production**, Ministry of Defence through SIDM. The **Theme** of webinar was "**Indian Defence Industry Global Outreach for Collaborative Partnership: Webinar and Expo**".
- The **51st Edition** of the **International Film Festival of India, IFFI** will be held from 16th to 24th January, next year in **Goa**. Earlier it was scheduled to be held from 20th November to 28th November, this year.

### States in the News

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** launched nine highway projects and Optical Fibre Internet Services in Bihar. The optical fibre services are being provided under the scheme "**Ghar Tak Fibre**". The project is to be implemented **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology** under the scheme "Ghar Tak Fibre". The project will connect **45,945 villages** in the state and will thus enable the Digital revolution to reach the farthest corner of Bihar.
- The Chief Minister of Rajasthan, **Ashok Gehlot** has approved the **Rajasthan State Road Transport Corporation's scheme** called '**Moksha Kalash Yojana-2020**'. This Moksha Kalash Yojana aims to allow free bus travel to two members of the family of the deceased to immerse ashes of their loved ones in the **Ganga in Haridwar**.
- The Chief Minister of Assam, **Sarbananda Sonowal** has launched the "**Mukhyamantrir Gramya Paribahan Achoni Yojana**" of the state transport department. Under the scheme, **Light Motor Vehicle Service** would be launched in all the villages of the state to improve rural connectivity and generate employment in the villages. One vehicle would be provided to one beneficiary per village.

- The **Uttar Pradesh** Chief Minister, **Yogi Adityanath** has launched a unified portal called '**U-Rise**'. Uttar Pradesh is the first state to launch such a unified portal along with the implementation of the **National Education Policy (NEP)-2020**.

### International Affairs

- Mali's former defence minister, **Bah Ndaw** has been named as Interim **President of the country's** new transition government. On 19th August 2020, Mali President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita announced his resignation with immediate effect following a military mutiny in the Republic of Mali.
- Former rebel military commander, **Ishmael Toroama** has been elected as president of **Bougainville**, an autonomous region of **Papua New Guinea**. This was the first general election since Bougainville voted overwhelmingly to separate from Papua New Guinea in November 2019.
- President of Somalia, **Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed** has appointed **Mohamed Hussein Roble** as the new Prime Minister of **Somalia**. He will replace former Prime Minister **Hassan Ali Khaire**, who was voted out of office by parliament in July for failing to pave the way for fully democratic elections due before February 2021.

### Agreements/MoUs Signed

- A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the **Ministry of AYUSH and Ministry of Women and Child Development** to control Malnutrition as a part of **POSHAN Abhiyaan**. The MoU will see some time-tested and scientifically proven Ayush-based solutions being adopted for controlling malnutrition in the country.
- **Volvo Car India** has **partnered** with **HDFC Bank** to launch **Volvo Car Financial Services** to enable buyers get easy finance for its vehicles.
- **HCL Technologies** and **Google Cloud** has announced the expansion of their strategic partnership to bring **HCL's Actian portfolio**, starting with **Actian Avalanche**, to Google Cloud.
- **Google Pay** has partnered with **VISA** for the rollout of **tokenization** across its platform that will enable users to safely transact with their debit or credit cards. Through tokenization, Google Pay users can make payment by using the debit or credit card without physically sharing their credit or debit card details through a secure digital token attached to their phone.

- The **Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board (UTDB)** and **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)** signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to promote adventure sports activities at **Tehri Lake** in the state.

### Books and Authors

- Former US President, **Barack Obama** has announced his first presidential memoir titled **"A Promised Land."** A Promised Land is the first of two volumes of the book. This volume tells about his early political life, his **presidential campaign in 2008**, and ending with the death of **Osama bin Laden in 2011**.
- Star chef **Vikas Khanna** has authored a book titled **"Kitchens of Gratitude"** in which he has written about his Feed India initiative. Feed India initiative is one of the largest food drives in the world, serving meals to the underprivileged. The book will be released in 2021. He will also be honoured with the **2020 Asia Game Changer Award** in October.
- A new book titled **"Voices of Dissent"** authored by Historian **Romila Thapar** will be jointly published by Penguin Random House India and Seagull Books. The book is set to publish in October 2020.

### Banking/Economy/Business News

- **HDFC Bank** has launched video **KYC (Know Your Customer) facility** for its **customers**. The consent-based Video KYC facility is an alternate method of establishing the prospective customer's identity, during the account opening process in a safe and secure environment.
- **IDFC First Bank** will launch **"SafePay"** a contactless debit card-based payment facility. This payment facility will allow contactless debit card payments by simply waving one's smartphone against a **Near Field Communication (NFC)-enabled POS terminal**.
- **Fitch Solutions** has revised downward its forecast for Indian economic growth and now estimates that India's GDP will contract by **8.6%** in **2020-21 (FY21)**. Earlier this was estimated at **-4.5%**. It has also forecasted a **5%** year-on-year growth in **2021 and 2022**.
- **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)** has predicted that the GDP of India will contract by **5.9%** in the year 2020. For the year 2021, UNCTAD projects the Indian economy to grow by **3.9%**. The projection was made in its **Trade and Development Report 2020**.

- **IDFC Mutual Fund** has started a new campaign called **SIFI** or **'SIP in Fixed Income'**. The new campaign called SIFI has been launched to make **investors more aware** about the **benefits of investing** in fixed income products via Systematic Investment Plans.
- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** has approved the acquisition of **100% equity shares** of Medlife International Private Limited (**"Medlife"**) by API Holdings Private Limited (**"API Holdings"**). It also approved the acquisition of up to 19.59% equity share capital of API Holdings by Medlife's shareholders under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.
- **HDFC (Housing Development Finance Corporation) Life** and **Yes Bank** entered into a Corporate Agency Arrangement (CA). As part of the arrangement, HDFC Life will provide a diverse range of insurance products to customers of Yes Bank.

### Appointments/Resignations

- Former Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) chief, **Anil Dhasmana** has been appointed as the chief of the **National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO)**. Dhasmana succeeds former Intelligence Bureau officer **Satish Jha**, who demitted office.
- The Appointments Committee of Cabinet has approved the proposal to appoint **Simanchala Dash** as an **advisor to Executive Director**, International Monetary Fund (**IMF**) in **Washington**. He has been appointed for a period of three years.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed **AK Dixit** (ex-general manager at Union Bank of India), as the new administrator of the **Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative (PMC) Bank**. He has replaced **JB Bhoria** who has stepped down from his role as the administrator of the bank due to health reasons.

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- A Joint Venture(JV) of Public Sector Undertakings, under the Ministry of Power, Government of India, **Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL)** has appointed **Rajat Sud** as its new **Managing Director** from immediate effect. He takes charge from **S Gopal**, director (commercial), who was given the additional charge as interim MD.

### Defence News

- The **Indian Navy (IN)** has commenced a Passage Exercise (**PASSEX**) with **Royal Australian Navy (RAN)** in the East **Indian Ocean Region**. The exercise would involve participation of HMAS Hobart from the Australian side and Indian Naval Ships Sahyadri and Karmuk.
- **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has conducted a successful flight test of **ABHYAS**, a High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) from the Interim Test Range, **Balasore in Odisha**. ABHYAS can be used as a target for evaluation of various missile systems. ABHYAS has been designed and developed by the **Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE)** of the DRDO.
- Flight Lieutenant, **Shivangi Singh** to become the first woman fighter pilot of India to fly the **Rafale combat aircraft** that was formally inducted into the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** September 10, 2020. She is one of the 10 Indian women fighter pilots in IAF. Five Rafale Aircraft were formally inducted into the IAF's 17 Squadron '**Golden Arrows**' on September 10, 2020, at a function held at **Air Force Station, Ambala (Haryana)**.

### Science and Technology

- A 17-year-old girl, **Khushi Chindaliya** has been appointed as **Regional Ambassador for India** by the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)-Tunza Eco-Generation**. In her new role, Khushi will raise awareness about climate change and the importance of environmental conservation and the need to safeguard environmental treasures.

### Awards and Recognitions

- **Kerala** has won the **United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force** on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases Awards 2020 for its "**outstanding contribution**" towards the non-

communicable diseases-related sustainable development goals. Kerala has been awarded for the tireless service of the state in the health sector. This is the first time for Kerala to be recognised by this annual UN Award and along with Kerala 6 other health ministries across the globe have won the 2020 UNIATF Award.

### Summit and Conference

- Prime Minister of India, **Narendra Modi** will inaugurate the **Vaishwik Bharatiya Vaigyanik (VAIBHAV) Summit** on 2nd October'2020 through video conferencing. The month-long Summit will provide a platform to leverage the expertise and knowledge of global Indian researchers for solving emerging challenges and create an ecosystem of Knowledge and Innovation in the country through global outreach.
- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**MeitY**) and **NITI Aayog** will organize a summit on Artificial Intelligence (AI), **RAISE 2020- 'Responsible AI for Social Empowerment 2020'** from October 5-9, 2020. RAISE 2020 will be a global meeting of minds to exchange ideas and chart a course for using AI for social transformation, inclusion and empowerment in areas like Healthcare, Agriculture, Education and Smart Mobility, among other sectors.
- The **United Kingdom** and the **United Nations** are going to co-organise a **global climate summit** on December 12, 2020, to mark the fifth anniversary of the signing of the **Paris Climate Agreement in 2015**. **UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres** and the **UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson** will co-host the event.

### Ranks and Reports

- According to the **World Risk Index (WRI) 2020**, **India** has been ranked at the **89th spot** among 181 Countries. WRI has been developed in cooperation with the **United Nations University's Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNUEHS)** and calculated by the **International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (IFHV)**

## Sports News

- **Novak Djokovic** has defeated Argentine **Diego Schwartzman**, 7-6, 5-3, to win **2020 Men's Single Italian Open title** and his fifth overall Rome title. In Women's single, **Simona Halep** defeated champion **Karolina Pliskova**, 6-0, 2-1, to win her first Italian Open title.
- The top-ranked Women's Tennis Association (WTA) player in the world and a former professional cricket player, **Ashleigh Barty** has now added another feat in her sporting list by winning **Brookwater Golf Club women's championship**.
- Retired Colonel **Dr Girija Shanker Mungali** has been appointed as one of the seven **members** of the **Asian Football Confederation's task force**. The taskforce will regulate the football clubs in Asia and Australia. He is currently serving as the Chairman of the Club Licensing Committee of the All India Football Federation (**AIFF**).

## Important Days

- **International Day of Peace** is observed globally on **21st September** every year. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. The 2020 theme for the International Day of Peace is "**Shaping Peace Together**." Celebrate the day by spreading compassion, kindness and hope in the face of the pandemic.
- The **International Coastal Cleanup Day** is traditionally held on the third Saturday in September. In 2020, the day is being held on **19 September**. This year theme for International Coastal Cleanup Day 2020: "**Achieving a trash-free Coastline**".

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- The **World Alzheimer's Day** is observed globally on September 21 every year. The day aims to raise awareness about the stigma that runs around Alzheimer disease and related dementia. The theme for World Alzheimer Day 2020 is '**Let's talk about dementia**'.
- The **International Red Panda Day (IRPD)** is celebrated on **third Saturday of September** every year to raise public awareness and support for red panda conservation issues. In 2020, the IRPD is being observed on **19 September 2020**.
- The **International Day of Sign Languages** is observed globally on **23 September** every year. The theme for the 2020 International Day of Sign Languages is "**Sign Languages are for Everyone!**".
- **World Rhino Day** is observed globally on **22 September** every year. This special day provides the opportunity for cause-related organizations, NGOs, zoos, and members of the public to celebrate rhinos in their own unique ways.
- **World Maritime Day 2020** is observed globally on **24th September** in the form of an online event. The exact date of celebrating World Maritime Day is left to the individual governments but is usually celebrated during the **last week in September**. The theme of **World Maritime Day 2020** is "**Sustainable shipping for a sustainable planet**".
- **World Pharmacist Day** is observed globally on **25th September** every year. This day is celebrated to create awareness about the role of a pharmacist in improving health. This year's theme is "**Transforming global health**".
- **World Environmental Health Day** is observed globally on **26th September** every year. This day is celebrated to shed the light on important work of environmental health around the world. The Theme for the 2020 World Environmental Health Day: **Environmental health, a key public health intervention in disease pandemic prevention**.
- The United Nations observes **26 September** every year as the **International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons**. The day provides an occasion for the world community to reaffirm its commitment to global nuclear disarmament as a priority.
- India observes Antyodaya Diwas on **25th September** every year. This day is celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya**. The day was declared by the **Modi Government** on **September 25, 2014**. Antyodaya means uplifting the poorest of the poor.

## Obituaries

- Nepal-based **Ang Rita Sherpa**, the first man to climb Mount Everest 10 times, passed away. He made all the ascents to the world's tallest mountain between **1983 and 1996** and that too without bottled oxygen. He was therefore also known as the "**snow leopard**" for his climbing skills.
- The former Prime Minister of Canada, **John Turner** passed away. He served as the Prime Minister for just **79 days in 1984**, the 2nd shortest term in the office recorded in the history of Canada. He was born on 7th June 1929 at Richmond, England.
- Renowned Assam music composer, **Bibhuranjan Choudhury** passed away. His first film as music director was "Sutrapat" in 1987 and the last one was "Aei Maatite" in 2017.
- Renowned Marathi, Hindi films and stage actress **Ashalata Wabgaonkar** passed away. She acted in several Marathi films and plays.
- Theatre personality and Bollywood actor **Bhupesh Pandya**, who is best known for his role in Ayushmann Khurrana's debut film '**Vicky Donor**' has passed away. He was an alumnus of **National School of Drama (NSD)**.
- Union Minister of State for Railways, **Suresh Angadi** has passed away after he contracted coronavirus disease. He was a four-time **Lok Sabha MP from Karnataka's Belagavi** constituency. He was elected in **2004, 2014 and 2019**.
- Former Australian cricketer and renowned commentator, **Dean Jones** passed away. He made his debut for **Australia** in a Test match in the **West Indies** in 1984.
- Legendary singer **S.P. Balasubramaniam** has passed away. He made his singing debut in **1966** with Telugu movie **Sri Sri Sri Maryada Ramanna**. **S.P. Balasubramaniam** bagged his first national award for **Sankarabharanam**. The second time he won the National award for his first Hindi song, Tere Mere Beech Mein in the film Ek Duuje Ke Liye.
- Veteran Atomic Scientist and Former Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission(AEC), **Sekhar Basu** passed away due to **COVID-19**. He served as the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) and as director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC). He was born on September 20, 1952, in Muzaffarpur, Bihar.

## Miscellaneous News

- **Hindustan Organic Chemicals Limited (HOCL)**, a PSU under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers has been granted **Bureau of Indian Standards - BIS certification for all its products**.
- Former Prime Minister of India, **H D Deve Gowda** took oath as a member of the **Rajya Sabha** from **Karnataka**. This is the first time that the JD(S) leader has become a member of the Upper House since **1996**. Mr Deve Gowda was the **11th** Prime Minister of India from **1 June 1996 to 21 April 1997**.
- The Union Minister, **Dr Jitendra Singh** has unveiled the **Logo and song** for festival "**Destination North East-2020**" (The Emerging Delightful Destinations) through a video conference. The festival helps to familiarize people of other parts of the country with the rich unexplored potential of North East.
- **India and the Maldives** have launched the first-ever direct **Cargo Ferry Service** on 21 September 2020 to boost trade between the two countries. The cargo ferry service will connect the Indian ports of **Tuticorin and Cochin ports with Kulhudhufushi and Male ports in the Maldives**.
- Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, **Manoj Sinha** launched the **National Generic Document Registration System** for the union territory. The system was developed by the **National Informatics Centre (NIC)** to address the diversity and variations that prevails across the states on account of formats, languages, processes and formulae.
- A hackathon named "**KRITAGYA**" has been planned by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (**ICAR**) under **National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP)**. This hackathon has been planned to promote potential technology solutions for enhancing farm mechanization with **special emphasis on women friendly equipments**.
- The **Central Pollution Control Board** celebrated its **46th Foundation Day**. The CBCB was **established on September 23, 1974** under **The Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974** as a technical arm of Central Government for environmental research, monitoring, regulation and enforcement in the country.

- A leading Personal Computer(PC) brand, **Acer India** has appointed actor **Sonu Sood** as its brand ambassador. As the brand ambassador of Acer India, Sonu Sood will support the range of innovative products of Acer over the social media and campaign on the commitment of Acers in improving the lives of the people through technology.
- A tyre company of RPG Enterprises (Rama Prasad Goenka Group), **CEAT Limited** has signed Indian Actor **Aamir Khan** as its **brand ambassador** for 2 years.

### Static Takeaways

- CEO of National Health Authority (NHA): Dr. Indu Bhushan.
- Union Minister for Education: Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'.
- Chief Minister of Bihar: Nitish Kumar; Governor: Phagu Chauhan.
- Minister of State in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology: Dhotre Sanjay Shamrao.
- Rajasthan Chief Minister: Ashok Gehlot.
- Rajasthan Governor: Kalraj Mishra.
- Rajasthan Capital: Jaipur.
- Chief Minister of Assam: Sarbananda Sonowal; Governor: Jagdish Mukhi.
- Republic of Mali Capital: Bamako; Currency: West African CFA franc.
- Bougainville Capital: Buka Island.
- Bougainville Currency: PNG kina.
- Somalia Capital: Mogadishu.
- Somalia Currency: Somali Shilling.
- Minister of State (I/C) for Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH): Shripad Yesso Naik.
- Union Minister of Women and Child Development: Smriti Zubin Irani.
- CEO of Google: Sundar Pichai; Headquarters: California, United States.
- India & South Asia Group Country Manager of Visa: TR Ramachandran.
- Chief Minister of Uttarakhand: Trivendra Singh Rawat; Governor: Baby Rani Maurya.
- Director-General of ITBP: Surjeet Singh Deswal.
- MD & CEO of IDFC First Bank: V. Vaidyanathan.
- Headquarters of IDFC First Bank: Mumbai, Maharashtra.

- UNCTAD Headquarters location: Geneva, Switzerland.
- UNCTAD Head: Mukhisa Kituyi.
- UNCTAD Founded: 30 December 1964.
- Chief Executive Officer of IDFC AMC: Vishal Kapoor.
- Chairperson of Competition Commission of India: Ashok Kumar Gupta.
- HDFC Life MD & CEO: Vibha Padalkar.
- HDFC Life Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- YES Bank MD & CEO: Prashant Kumar.
- YES Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Headquarters of IMF: Washington, D.C., United States.
- Managing Director of IMF: Kristalina Georgieva.
- PMC Bank Founded: 1984.
- PMC Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Chief of Naval Staff: Admiral Karambir Singh.
- DRDO Chairman: Dr G. Satheesh Reddy.
- DRDO Headquarters: New Delhi.
- CEO of NITI Aayog: Amitabh Kant.
- Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology: Ravi Shankar Prasad.
- United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA. It was founded on 24 October 1945.
- Mr Antonio Guterres is the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
- Prime minister of United Kingdom: Boris Johnson.
- Capital of the United Kingdom: London.
- World Bank President: David Robert Malpass.
- World Bank Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States.
- Asian Football Confederation is the nodal governing body of football in Asia and Australia.
- Headquarters of Asian Football Confederation: Malaysia.
- United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA. It was founded on 24 October 1945.
- Mr Antonio Guterres is the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
- Red Panda Network Founder: Brian Williams.
- Headquarters: Eugene, Oregon.
- World Federation of the Deaf President: Joseph J. Murray.
- World Federation of the Deaf Founded: 23 September 1951, Rome, Italy.
- World Federation of the Deaf Headquarters location: Helsinki, Finland.
- International Maritime Organization Headquarters location: London, United Kingdom.

- International Maritime Organization Founded: 17 March 1948.
- International Maritime Organization Secretary-General: Kitack Lim.
- International Pharmaceutical Federation Headquarters location: The Hague, Netherlands.
- International Pharmaceutical Federation Founded: 25 September 1912.
- International Pharmaceutical Federation President: Dominique Jordan.
- Energy Efficiency Services Ltd HeadQuarters: New Delhi, India
- Energy Efficiency Services Ltd Chairman: Rajeev Sharma.
- Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) MD & Chairman: Mrs H.K.Joshi.
- Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Shipping Corporation of India Founded: 1950.
- United Nations Environment Programme Headquarters location: Nairobi, Kenya.
- United Nations Environment Programme Head: Inger Andersen.
- United Nations Environment Programme Founded: 5 June 1972.
- The International Federation of Environmental Health was established in 1986 and is based in London, England.
- WHO Director-General: Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.
- WHO Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.
- Chief Minister of Kerala: Pinarayi Vijayan; Governor: Arif Mohammad Khan.
- Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh: Yogi Aditya Nath; Governor: Anandiben Patel.
- RBI 25th Governor: Shaktikanta Das; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security Director: Shen Xiaomeng.
- Headquarters of United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security: Germany.
- Indian Air Force Chief of the Air Staff (CAS): Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria.



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